

12 scolimus, betula alba, rheum rabarbarum, taraxacum officinalis,
13 citrus bigaradia and melissa officinalis together with a pharmaceu-
14 tically acceptable inert carrier or diluent.

1 Claim 15 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 wherein the at least one amino acid is con-
3 tained in the composition in an amount between 10 and 20% product
4 weight.

1 Claim 16 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 which further comprises sorbitol in an amount
3 between 4 and 6% product weight.

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1 Claim 17 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 wherein water is the pharmaceutically accept-
3 able inert carrier in an amount between 12 and 18% product weight.

1 Claim 18 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 which further comprises a natural aroma in an
3 amount between 0.2 and 0.4% product weight.

1 Claim 19 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 which further comprises a mineral salt or a
3 trace element in an amount of less than 10% product weight.

1 Claim 20 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 which further comprises a hormone in an amount
3 of less than 10% product weight.

1 Claim 21 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 which further comprises a protein in an amount
3 of less than 10% product weight.

1 Claim 22 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 which further comprises a bioflavonoid in an
3 amount of less than 10% product weight.

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1 Claim 23 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 which further comprises a provitamin or a
3 vitamin in an amount of less than 10% product weigh.

1 Claim 24 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 wherein the amino acid is cysteine.

1 Claim 25 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 wherein the plant extract is a mixture of
3 arctium lappa, silybum marianum, gentian lutea, vitis vinifera, and
4 ruscus aculeatus.

1 Claim 26 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 25 wherein the amino acid is cysteine.

1 Claim 27 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 wherein the plant extract is a mixture of
3 ~~escolsica californica~~, Matricaria chamomilla, tilia cordata,
4 ~~crategus oxyacantha~~, and foeniculum vulgaris.

1 Claim 28 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 27 wherein the amino acid is phenylalanine.

1 Claim 29 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 wherein the plant extract is a mixture of
3 cynara scolimus, betula alba, rheum rabarbarum, taraxacum
4 officinalis, citrus bigaradia and foeniculum vulgaris.

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1 Claim 30 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 29 wherein the amino acid is methionine.

1 Claim 31 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 14 wherein the plant extract is a mixture of
3 melissa officinalis, escolsica californica, matricaria chamomilla,
4 ruscus aculeatus, foeniculum vulgaria and silybum marianum.

1 Claim 32 (new): The phytopharmaceutical composition
2 defined in claim 31 wherein the amino acid is a mixture of trypto-
3 phan, phenylalanine, tyrosine and methionine.

1 Claim 33 (new): A method of aiding an individual who
2 smokes, to stop smoking, which comprises the step of administering
3 to said individual a therapeutically effective amount of the
4 phytopharmaceutical composition defined in claim 14.

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1 Claim 34 (new): A method of aiding an individual who
2 smokes, to stop smoking, which comprises the step of administering
3 to said individual a therapeutically effective amount of the
4 phytopharmaceutical composition defined in claim 16.

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to bring this case to issue without delay.

Applicant wishes to reiterate her claim to the benefit of her Italian priority date of 12 December 2000 pursuant to 35 USC 119 and the International Convention. A certified copy of Italian Patent Application Mi 2000A 002665 filed 12 December 2000 has been made of record and receipt thereof has been acknowledged by the Examiner.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1 through 13 and is submitting new claims 14 through 34. Antecedent basis for the new claims may be found in the application on pages 2 through 4 and in the specific examples. Thus claims 14 through 34 are now in the application and are presented for examination.

The grounds for rejection of original claims 5 through 8 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, that the claims are indefinite